

I claim:

1. A mug handle cover for marking a mug, comprising:

a top being approximately as wide as a handle;

a first side extending in a direction from said top; and

a second side extending in the direction from said top and being laterally opposed to said first side;

said first side and said second side being for holding the handle.

2. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, wherein said first and second sides are at least as wide as an exterior side of the handle.

3. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, including an inward protrusion on said first side.

4. The mug handle cover according to claim 3, wherein said protrusion is one-and-one-half millimeters thick.

5. The mug handle cover according to claim 3, including a further inward protrusion on said second side, said further inward protrusion opposing said first inward protrusion.

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6. The mug handle cover according to claim 3, wherein said protrusion is shaped like half of a cone having a base, said base being distal to said top.

7. The mug handle cover according to claim 6, wherein:

a midpoint is provided on said first side; and

a point of said cone is at said midpoint.

8. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, including a mark on a surface selected from the group consisting of said top, said first side, and said second side.

9. The mug handle cover according to claim 8, wherein said mark is a color.

10. The mug handle cover according to claim 8, wherein said mark is molded in said surface.

11. The mug handle cover according to claim 8, wherein said mark is etched in said surface.

12. The mug handle cover according to claim 8, wherein said mark is a label.

13. The mug handle cover according to claim 12, wherein said label includes adhesive for attaching said label to said surface.

14. The mug handle cover according to claim 12, wherein said label is thermally bonded to said surface.

15. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, wherein:

said top includes a groove formed therein; and

a label rests in said groove and attaches to said top.

16. The mug handle cover according to claim 8, wherein said mark is an advertisement.

17. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, wherein said top has an interior top and said interior top abuts the handle.

18. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, wherein said top is arcuate.

19. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, wherein said top complements a shape of the handle.

20. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, wherein said top has two opposing parallel edges and said first and second sides connect to said top along said edges.

21. The mug handle cover according to claim 1, wherein said top and said first and second sides are constructed from a thermoplastic.

22. The mug handle cover according to claim 21, wherein said top and said first and second sides are constructed by a method selected from the group consisting of extrusion, thermoforming, vacuum forming, rotating molding, rotary molding, resin transfer molding, sandwich molding, injection stamping, blow molding-injection, blow molding-extrusion, injection molding, and reaction injection molding.

23. The mug handle cover according to claim 21, wherein said thermoplastic is selected from the group consisting of acetals, acrylics, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene polycarbonate alloy, acrylonitrile-chlorinated polyethylene-styrene, acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylic, acrylonitrile-styrene-acrylic polycarbonate alloy, alkyd, allyls, ASA polycarbonate alloy, bismaleimide, cellulosics, cyanate ester, epoxy resins, ethylene-acid copolymer, ethylene-ethyl acrylate, ethylene-methyl acrylate, ethylene-vinyl acetate, ethylene-vinyl alcohol, ethylene-vinyl silane copolymer, fluoropolymers, foam rubber, ionomer,

ketone-based polymer, liquid-crystal polymers, melamine, urea, neoprene, phenolic, polyamide, polyamide-imide, polycrylate, methacrylate-butadiene-styrene, nitrile-butadiene copolymer, polyarylether, polybutadiene, polybutylene, polybutylene terephthalate, polycarbonate alloy, polycarbonate, polycyclohexylenemethylene-terephthalate, polyesters, unsaturated, polyethylene, high density, polyethylene, linear low, polyethylene, polyethylene, naphalate, polyethylene terephthalate, polyimides, polymethylpentene, polyimide, polyphenylene oxide, polyphenylene sulfide, polypropylene, polysobutylene, polystyrene, polystyrene, polytheremide, polyurethanes, polyvinyl acetate, polyvinyl alcohol, polyvinyl chloride flexible, polyvinyl rigid, pellets, polyvinyl rigid, powder, polyvinylidene chloride, silicone, styrene-acrylonitrile, styrene-butadiene copolymer, styrene-maleic anhydride, sulfone-based polymer, thermoplastic elastomers, and vinyl ester.

24. The mug handle cover according to claim 21, made by including a thermoplastic additive selected from the following group an acid scavenger, an adhesion promoter, an antifoaming agent, an antifogging agent, a antioxidant, an antiozonant, an antislip agent, an antistatic agent, an antitack agent, a bonding agent, a carbon black, a chain extender, a chelating agent, a complexing agent, a clarifying agent, a cling agent, a coloring agent, a defoamer, a deodorant, a desiccant, a dispersing agent, a emulsifier, a flattening agent, a

fluorescent whitening agent, a fragrance, a fresh keeping agent, a gel inhibitor, a infra red filter, a inhibitor, a leveling agent, a matting agent, a gloss agent, a melt strength enhancer, a metal deactivator, a nucleating agent, a oxygen absorber, a peptizer, a photoinitiator, a polymerization inhibitor, a polymerization initiator, a release agent, a slip agent, a styrene suppressant, a tackifier, a thickening agent, a thixotropic agent, a titanium dioxide, a viscosity modifier, a wax, and a wetting agent.

25. A method for identifying a mug having a handle among a plurality of identical mugs, which comprises:

marking a mug handle cover to be unique; and

attaching the mug handle cover to the mug.

26. The method according to claim 25, which further comprises clipping the mug handle cover to the handle of the mug.